The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; and then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.
HYMNS FOR THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion, Mode Pl 1
Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion of the Feast, Mode 4
Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Apolytikion of St. Markella, Mode 1
Obedient to the laws of the Lord and to His divine teachings, you kept them blamelessly, O Markella and being frightened of the violence of your father who pursued you. O pure bride of Christ you hid in the mountains where he found you and took your life. Glory to Him who has given you strength, Glory to Him who has crowned you, Glory to Him who works healings through you to every-one.

Apolytikion of St. Demetrios, Mode 3
The world found in you a great champion in danger. A victor who could turn the nations back. As you restrained Levi in the arena, you also inspired Nestor to courage. Therefore, Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, entreat Christ God, to grant us great, great mercy!

Kontakion, Mode 4
The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.
EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:1-7

Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

GOSPEL READING


At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
**TODAY**

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Altar Group Today: Basil

General Assembly

Chrysation of Cristina Sophia Jackson

2nd Trey for the Patriarchate by Philoptochos

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

Thursday & Friday, November 25-26

Church Office Closed

Father Thomas will be out of town for Thanksgiving from Wednesday, November 24 to Saturday, November 27.

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**Chanters** –Andrew McBroom, Megan Morgan, Alex Pugh, Jack Pugh

**Video:** Benjamin Siege
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY TODAY
Please join us in the Hall following Liturgy.

PHILOPTOCHOS VASILOPITA BREAD
Philochoths is selling traditional bread baked to celebrate St. Basil on January 1st. It makes a wonderful gift! Please place your order by Sunday, December 12th. Orders will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 19th.

CHRISTMAS SEASON EVENTS
CHRISTMAS TREE AND HALL DECORATION, NOVEMBER 28
GOYA will be doing it’s annual Christmas Tree and Hall decoration Sunday November 28th at 7pm.

ST NICKOLAS YOUTH FESTIVAL, SUNDAY DECEMBER 5
Our annual St Nickolas Youth Festival will be Sunday December 5 in the Church Hall after Liturgy.

PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS PARTY, MONDAY DECEMBER 6
Philochoths is having its annual Christmas party at Red Lobster at 6pm Monday December 6. All ladies of the Parish are invited.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, SUNDAY DECEMBER 19
Our annual Christmas Pageant presented by the Sunday School will be immediately after Liturgy Sunday December 19th in the Church Building.

LITURGY FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
We will be celebrating the Nativity with Services Friday evening December 24th. Orthros at 5pm, Divine Liturgy 6pm.

CROSS DIVE
Please join us for our 47th Annual Cross Dive on Sunday, January 9th. Requested donation for the Banquet Luncheon is $10 for adults, $4 for kids under 12. Youth 7th Grade and up are invited to participate in the Dive.

ZOOM LINK FOR ALL MEETINGS CURRENTLY
Meeting ID: 869 106 3878  Password: 19641975
https://zoom.us/j/8691063878?pwd=MHViamRaaHRFVHByQkhrSzhoMzRYQT09
WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today for worship. This is information to help make your worship experience more meaningful.

At 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy, which is the main worship service of the Orthodox Church, begins with the words from the priest “Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit…”

We welcome people of all faiths and denominations to worship with us and appreciate your joining us. For those who are not Orthodox Christians we ask that you not receive the Holy Communion when it is offered to the congregation. Those visitors who are Orthodox Christians may receive Communion provided you normally receive at your home parish and have not been restricted in any way. For Orthodox Christians, when in doubt whether to receive or not, please ask Fr. Thomas in advance and he will be happy to advise you.

For those of you visiting an Orthodox Christian Church for the first time, we pray that you have a very meaningful worship experience. Orthodox worship reaches all five senses. Through sight with the icons, church architecture and the movement of worship; through smell with the use of incense; through sound through the beauty of the Church music; through taste with the receiving of Holy Communion; and through touch with lighting of candles, crossing oneself, and the veneration of icons.

You will find that the Orthodox place a great emphasis on reverence in worship. Our reverence is serious, but also very joyful as well. Please ask one of the attendants in the Narthex (the entrance area of the church) if you have any questions.

May God continue to bless and keep all of us.
PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

The Community is praying for the following:

Erica Ailes
Joy Ailes
John Bradley
Trina Bradley
Alekka Brackin
Ruth Briggs
The Boltz Family
Kathy Bowdoin & Family
Mary Campbell
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Katheryn Kaffoglou
Mary Spiridoula Kalista
Phillip Kanellopoulos
Katie & Evan
Kanellopoulos
George and Julia Karov
Andrea Keenan
Katy and Carl Kruljac
Julie Mamani
Angela McBroom
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Nicholas McBroom
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